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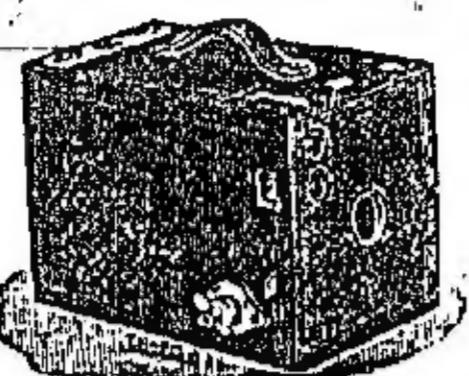
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The Daily Press.HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DESVaux ROAD, Cl.
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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 19TH, 1904.

The manner in which China has hitherto contrived to keep out of the difficulties created by the war has been no less gratifying than surprising. That it was to her own interest to preserve neutrality there could be no question, and that she should do so, was equally to the interests of foreign nations. Had China been compelled to take a side—either one way or the other—wide-spread complications must inevitably have arisen; and there can be no doubt that every attempt was made by Russia to force the Chinese into what would have been a cardinal mistake on their part and would have worked admirably into the hands of that nation. The position of the Chinese was by no means an enviable one, and it must have required an unusual amount of tact and firmness on the part of the Central authorities to prevent some hasty act on the part of one or other of the local officials which might have dragged the Empire into hostilities. The difficulty was from the first apparent to all acquainted with the peculiar relations between the Imperial and Provincial authorities, and the trouble which the former have at all times to restrain outbreaks of popular feeling. No doubt both these elements have at times been exaggerated, and have been made the excuse alike for wrongful action and equally wrongful inaction on many occasions. But that these difficulties do exist to a considerable extent there can be no doubt. The Provincial authorities, while nominally completely subservient to Peking,

are often prone to take action on their own initiative, and in times of pressure, there is always a danger of their getting out of hand; and the same want of subordination is to be found on occasion amongst the masses. Sir Thomas Wade once observed that, although the Chinese appeared to be under the most absolute form of government, there was really no nation so democratic as China. With such a state of things to deal with, it must have been no easy task to hold the people in order; and the difficulty which thus existed was greatly increased by the fact that Russia was only too anxious from the first to draw China in, and, as events progressed, this desire was rather increased than diminished—though later on, no doubt, Russia had cause to congratulate herself that her attempts to force the Chinese into declared hostility did not succeed. For this, however, she had to thank good fortune and well-advised firmness on the part of China rather than her own action. "Pinch their tails enough and they will fight" was what was said by a Russian Diplomatist referring to the Chinese shortly before the war broke out with Japan; and most certainly their tails were sufficiently pinched. The treatment they had received from the Russian soldiery was not likely to be readily forgotten by the people; and the officials might easily have fallen into the error of thinking that the opportunity of retaliation had arrived when Russia was face to face with an opponent such as Japan.

Fortunately China was level headed enough to see the advantage of remaining neutral. In a way she might fairly say: "A plague on both your houses." She had no love for either side—and her hope lay in awaiting the course of events, and getting the best terms she could from whichever side proved victorious. It must have become abundantly evident to her that she ran less danger from Japan obtaining a strong influence in Manchuria than from Russia continuing her quasi Protectorate, but real occupation of the country; and if Japan pushed the Russians back, she was after all only fighting the Chinese battle for them. Of course there was still the question of preventing the Japanese taking up an attitude which would menace the integrity of China. The fear of this had been from the first at the bottom of her, easy yielding to Russian aggression; but in this respect the Chinese are shrewd enough to know that the influence of foreign nations would probably be sufficient to restrain Japan, while all past experience showed that it was not sufficient to restrain Russia.

The wisdom of the course which was adopted cannot be doubted. Though the task was by no means an easy one, the Chinese have managed to escape the trap which in more ways than one was laid for them; and so averted a spread of complications which would have been far reaching in its effects. Had China been forced into the war, Russia would have had, what she manifestly desired, namely a ground on which she could drag other Powers in. It would have become almost impossible for other nations to remain neutral.

Capt. C. C. Macnamara, 1st Batt. Royal Irish Rifles, has been selected for service with the Chinese Regt. at Weihaiwei.

There was one fatal Chinese case of plague on Saturday. The victim died in a matched at Tai-tau-kok, Stanley Health District.

An examination of candidates for certificates of competency as licensed Pilots will be held at the Harbour Office on Thursday next.

A bequest of £500 to the China Inland Mission was made by the late Mr. Hammond Chubb (for many years Secretary of the Bank of England).

Boxing Day (Monday, the 26th inst.) as well as Monday and Tuesday, the 2nd and 3rd Jan., will be observed as holidays in the Government Departments.

The Pollard Lilliputians are opening their Hongkong season on Saturday next (Christmas Eve) with the *Bells of New York*, instead of on the 23rd instant as previously announced.

The new Roman Catholic Archbishop of Palmyra and Apostolic Delegate in the Philippines (Dom Ambrose Agius) is coming out via America. The Archbishop is a British subject.

The *Widgeon*, shallow-draught steamer, recently built by Messrs. Yarrow and Co., was to be commissioned by Lieut. and Com. C. P. Metcalfe for river service on the China Station, and to be manned by a crew taking passage to Hongkong in the *Hogue* cruiser, Capt. E. G. Shortland.

The *Sutlej* cruiser, was to be recommissioned at Portsmouth on November 19 with a Portmouth crew for service on the China Station. It was generally believed in Portsmouth that a new rule limiting the duration of a ship's commission to two years will shortly come into force, and that the *Sutlej* would be the first ship included in the new arrangement.

The U.S.S. *Callao* arrived from Canton yesterday afternoon.

The matter of having a Volunteer Band will be discussed next Friday. It will take some considerable time procuring instruments.

H.M.S. *Albion* arrived from Weihsien on Saturday. On the way down she sighted and exploded a mine off Shantung Promontory.

The Rev. W. C. Erdman, of Phi ladelphie, last evening gave a lecture at the Y.M.C.A. on "The Results of Compromise." At 9 p.m. on the 21st inst., when ladies are in view, Mr. J. Dyer Ball will lecture on "Rhythm and Rhyme in Celestial Climes."

The left half of No. 2 Co., H.K.V.A., shot at Taliang Heng yesterday. The winners of specimens in "A" Class were Messrs. Frith and Kimball, and in "B" Class Messrs. T. P. Connolly and P. T. Lamble. The recruits are making excellent progress in marksmanship.

Mr. Edwin Mackintosh, of 77, Lancaster Gate, W., and of Ickleford Manor, Hitchin, Herts, of the firms of John Swire and Sons and Butterfield and Swire, of 8, Billiter-square, E.C., and of Hongkong and Japan, merchants and shipowners, who died on August 11 last, left estate of the gross value of £255,359, the net personality being sworn at £257,154.

At the Police Court on Saturday, before Mr. F. A. Hazelton, three Swedish sailors from the s.s. *Craigern* were each fined \$15 for assaulting a foreman and an Indian constable at the Western Market. A Filipino, who helped himself to some oranges from a Chinese stall in Bridges Street, and then assaulted the stallholder when he remonstrated, was sent to do 14 days' hard labour without the option.

The Mexican Government asked Congress on Nov. 17 for authority to carry out the scheme of monetary reform which they had determined upon. It is understood that the Government will close the mints to the free coinage of silver to private holders, but not for export purposes, and that the actual dollar will ultimately be worth one-half of the value of an American gold dollar. Thus the consumption of silver in Mexico will be the same as before.

The following companies, unless cause is shown to the contrary, will be struck off the register in three months' time:—The China Ginger Manufacturing Company, Limited; Ramis Fibre Company, Limited; Weihsien Mining Syndicate, Limited; Hongkong Marina, Limited; Stanely Gold Prospecting Company, Limited; Hongkong Building Materials Company, Limited; Heng Sing Steam-Boat Company, Limited.

It is notified in the *Hongkong Government Gazette* that His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinances:—Ordinance No. 8 of 1904, entitled—"An Ordinance to amend the Wild Birds and Game Preservation Ordinance, 1883; Ordinance No. 9 of 1904, entitled—"An Ordinance for enabling the Tung Wah Hospital to acquire, hold, mortgage and sell land and hereditaments in the Colony of Hongkong."

The United States Consul at Chemnitz in a recent report points out that because of the enlistment of large numbers of Japanese working men in the armies operating in Manchuria, many women are forced to sustain themselves by means of industrial work in their homes. This has created a large demand for the lighter kinds of machines which produce saleable commodities, and which can be manipulated by women. Sewing machines, knitting machines, and hand looms are reported to be in great request.

It is notified in the *Hongkong Government Gazette* that the rules for the holding of University of London examinations in the Colonies, for matriculation and for the degrees of B.A., B.A., LL.B. and B.Sc. have been amended. It is now required that the fees of intending candidates shall be forwarded with the application for the holding of the examination; and it is suggested that the attention of candidates be carefully drawn to the fact that Colonial candidates, who withdraw after having entered, or who fail to present themselves for examinations, will be required to pay the full fee upon every re-entry.

The King of Siam has recently commissioned Messrs. Maple and Co. (Limited) to supply the furnishings of the Dusit Park Palace, Bangkok. The dining-room is in rich mahogany, the Council Chamber in fumed oak and brown morocco, the breakfast-room in oak, his Majesty's smoking room in walnut and gold, with blue morocco, private sitting-room in rich satinwood, inlaid in Sheraton style, and bedroom in white and powdered-gilt. The drawing-room is carried out in walnut and gold, while the curtains throughout are of richest silks and tapestries, and the carpets all Axminster pile specially woven in one piece.

The Canadian Commercial Agent in Yokohama (Mr. A. McLean) reports that the consumption in Japan of wire nails is increasing every year. In 1903 the quantity imported was 39,104,000 pounds, valued at 75,462 dollars, mostly from the United States and Germany, whose manufacturers, it is believed, have an understanding as to prices. Great Britain does not send very many nails, only 473,000 odd pounds, but they are the best. Jobbers' prices in American nails range at present from 2.90 dollars per kg. for 12 gauge, 24 inch, to 2.75 dollars for 5 gauge, 7 inch. This includes the duty of 29 cents per kg. Nails for the Japanese market should be packed in extra strong kegs, 134 pounds net, lined with pitch paper to protect against rust, which causes them to sell as damaged stock.

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TELEGRAMS.

GENERAL NEWS.

["DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.]

HOOLEY ACQUITTED.

LONDON, 17th December.

The long trial of Ernest Terah Hooley and John Henry Lawson, charged with conspiring to defraud one A. J. Paine, is over, so far as Bow Street is concerned.

Hooley is acquitted. Lawson is sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment; but is at liberty pending a decision on the appeal which his counsel have lodged.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

CHAMBERLAIN REOPENS FISCAL CAMPAIGN.

LONDON, 16th December.

Mr. Chamberlain has re-opened his campaign. Addressing 4,000 working men at Limehouse he dealt especially on the advantages of his policy for the working classes, and said that it was impossible to maintain the protestation of labour with the unrestricted imports of paupers and cheap foreign goods made cheaper by artificial means; unless reform was adopted workers would have to accept lower wages or lose employment.

SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, 16th December.

The late President Kruger's funeral was attended by a great concourse of Burghers. The service conducted by the leading Dutch Ministers was most impressive. The leading speaker declared that the Boers were loyal to the new flag which was a symbol of equality and freedom, but the nation must follow the laws of development which the late President Kruger had laid down.

THE WAR.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE RUSSIAN BALTIC FLEETS.

LONDON, 15th December.

Admiral Rozhdestvenski's squadron arrived at Angra-Preuena on the 11th instant, and is reported to be coaling from colliers.

Reuter's correspondent at Aden wires that Admiral Falkensham's squadron is still at Jibuti awaiting the arrival of Admiral Brusovski's supplemental fleet.

LATER.

Admiral Falkensham's squadron has quitted Jibuti waters.

REFORM IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, 15th December.

The growth of the Liberal movement in Russia is daily becoming more manifest and the newspapers are outspokenly advocating far-reaching reforms, which meetings of the Students and the educated classes are emphatically demanding.

LODGE EASTERN SCOTIA.

INSTALLATION OF W.M. BRO. J. W. GRAHAM.

The installation ceremony of Lodge Eastern Scotia, No. 923 Scottish Constitution, Kowloon, took place at the Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, on Saturday evening. The ceremony was performed by the Right Worshipful Bro. G. P. Jordan, District Grand Master, and the officers of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China (Scottish Constitution). Bro. J. W. Graham was installed Worshipful Master in succession to Wor. Bro. C. F. Focken, Immediate Past Master. Wor. Bro. Graham invested his officers as follows:—Wor. Bro. H. B. Bridger, Deputy Master; Wor. Bro. W. E. Jack, Substitute Master; Bro. D. Harvey, Senior Warden; Bro. C. Fitchett, Junior Warden; Wor. Bro. H. Horley, Secretary; Wor. Bro. W. E. Clavet, Treasurer; Bro. J. Morris, Organist; Bro. Tang Chee, Junior Deacon; Bro. McLaughlin, Senior Deacon; Bro. G. W. Kynoch, Chaplain; Bro. J. Clelland, Inner Guard; Bro. R. Wilson, Director of Ceremonies; Bro. R. M. Matthay, Steward; Bro. S. Smith, Tyler.

A banquet was afterwards held, in the customary manner, downstairs. The following were the toasts: The King and the Craft; The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; The District Grand Master and Officers of the District Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasonry in Hongkong and South China; Sister Lodges and Visitors; The Worshipful Master; Wives, Sisters, Daughters and Sweethearts of Masons; All poor and distressed Masons. A concert was held, Bro. Tydale Lea opening the programme with an overture. Those who contributed were Wor. Bros. J. A. Tarrant, J. L. Cotter, H. B. Bridger, and Bros. W. J. Russell, D. Harvey, Caesar, Thwaites and Townsend.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 18th at 11.45 a.m. The barometer has fallen moderately at all stations.

The depression in northern Japan has passed to the eastward into the Pacific. Gradients are steep upon all the coasts of China and strong N.E. monsoon may be expected both in the Formosa channel and the northern part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—Fresh to strong N.E. winds, fine, as damaged stock.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

THE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION BY H.R. THE GOVERNOR.

H.E. Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G., on Saturday distributed the prizes at St. Joseph's College. In addition to the pupils, several ladies and gentlemen were present. This was the first prize distribution since 1898. The proceedings commenced with a chorus of boys singing "Welcome to our Governor." A couple of recitations and a vocal duet followed. The singing was lusty.

In the report it was stated that the Code has been altered, the present one coming into effect in June. It gave greater latitude than the former code, as the framing of a syllabus remained in the hands of the heads of an institution provided he submitted it to the Inspector of Schools. It also entrusted the head masters with the promotion of the pupils from a lower to a higher standard. The report of the Inspector of Schools was flattering in many instances, though it pointed out the great difficulty of a marked success in the institution owing to the many classes of boys frequenting the school. They comprised almost every nationality and every creed. During the year there was an average attendance of 247, and the school secured the highest grant obtainable according to the new Code. In the Oxford University Local Examinations the College presented six boys in the Senior division and one in the Junior. The former six came out successful, one having third class with honours, but the Junior failed. Out of four in the preliminary section three were successful. Two of the boys who passed the Senior division had gone to London to pursue their University studies. It was noticeable the boys in the Colony were rather ashamed to speak or show themselves in public; to combat this defect a stage, where a certain number of boys had to appear at the end of each term, had been erected. The system of weekly reports continued to be a great source of emulation, and it was gratifying to see that most of the parents took a great interest in them. Other great means of emulation were the monthly and quarterly examinations, the results of which were sent to the boys' parents. The pupils continued to take a great interest in military drill, but unfortunately the master was changed so often that it was rather difficult to arrive at any kind of perfection. Cricket seemed to be the favourite sport of the majority. A football team had been organised so as to participate in the Hongkong Schools' Football League Competition; but owing to the limited space in the school's play-ground the boys could hardly become very proficient. There were prospects, however, of having the grounds enlarged in the direction of Glenealy Ravine. The boys took a great interest in the Hongkong Schools' Athletic Sports, and usually carried off a very high percentage of the prizes. They had to tender their sincerest thanks to H.E. Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G., for so kindly coming to distribute the prizes and for having so graciously headed the list of many prize donors; also to H.E. Major-General Villiers Hutton, C.B., Sir Gerard Noel, Vice Admiral, and Messrs. C. R. Scott, W. Brewer & Co., E. Niedhardt, J. Machado, Shing Kee, V. H. Deacon, R. Shewan, E. A. Hewett, A. G. Romano (Consul for Portugal), R. F. Soares, F. Yat, Ullmann & Co., E. Danenberg, F. J. Lelria (Vice-Consul for Portugal), Ho Tung, Ahmed Rumjahn, M. Noma (Consul for Japan), C. J. Gonsalves, F. Soares, and others for their having so generously contributed to the prize fund.

The boys then sang a chorus.

H.E. the GOVERNOR, after distributing the prizes, addressing the boys, said that he had very great pleasure

SUPREME COURT.

Saturday, 17th December.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION
BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. T. SERCOMBE
SMITH (PUISNE JUDGE).

NG HAM CHEUNG v. JESEN AND CO.

The plaintiff, represented by Mr. H. W. Bailey, claimed \$1,000, being damages for breach of contract. Mr. H. W. Looker (of Messrs. Duncan, Looker and Deacon) appeared for the defence.

Mr. Bailey stated that the claim originally was for \$1,267.55, reduced to \$1,000 so as to come within summary jurisdiction. On the 19th September the plaintiff entered into a contract with the defendants for the supply of fifty tons of Hamburg horse shoes at \$2.86 per picul. These horse shoes were actually in the defendants' possession at the time and were to be supplied within one month from the date of the contract. The plaintiff mentioned to the broker arranging the contract that the horse shoes were for shipment. A few days later the plaintiff, through his agent at Newchwang, resold the shoes at \$1.3 mace 8 per picul. Subsequently the plaintiff heard that the shoes had been sold by defendants to a third party, and plaintiff wrote to the defendants asking for delivery of the shoes. Defendants replied that they could not do so then as the people from whom defendants purchased had not delivered them. That was at the end of October or the beginning of November, well after the month had expired. He submitted a letter from the plaintiff's agent at Newchwang in support of the contention that a sub-contract was made. He did not produce the contract, as he understood that the defendants' solicitor admitted the letter.

Mr. Looker said that though he admitted the letter, he did not admit the legal import of it.

Mr. Bailey said that on the understanding that the letter was admitted the plaintiff had not gone to the expense of sending to Newchwang for the witness.

His Honour, to allow the plaintiff to get further evidence from Newchwang, adjourned the case for six weeks.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

THE CALENDAR.

The December Criminal Sessions open before Sir H. S. Berkley (Chief Justice), this morning. The charges are as follows—

Chan Shing Hing—(1) demanding money with menaces, (2) riot, (3) unlawful assembling; Ho Tuk and Lok Wing—(1) armed robbery, (2) armed robbery, (3) assault.

Chan Lam—indecent assault and other charges.

Lan Tam, Yeung Lam Tze, and Yeung San—(1) armed robbery, (2) malicious wounding. Charles Smith, Erik Hogman and William Nason.

VOLUNTEER SHAM FIGHT.

As arranged, a land attack between the Hongkong Volunteers and the Volunteer troops took place last Saturday. The Volunteers were under the command of Major Chapman, who was assisted by Captains Macdonald and Ordish, and Lieuts. Lummett, Northcote, Macdonald and Scott, while the troopers were commanded by Major Pritchard and Lieutenant Gresson. The arrangement for the manoeuvre was that the troopers should be in possession of the Northern hills from Aberdeen. The Volunteers were to effect a landing and try to capture their position. At three o'clock the dismounted men left Murray Pier by launch. On arrival at Telegraph Bay orders were given the warriors to lie down in the launch so as not to be perceived by the enemy. The launch was directed to Waterfall Bay, where the attackers landed and divided into two parties, one detachment of 14 men under the command of Major Chapman, and officered by Captain Ordish and Lieut. Macdonald and Lummett. This detachment landed at the Eastern end of the bay. The second detachment of 12 men was commanded by Captain Macdonald and officered by Lieuts. Northcote and Scott. They effected a landing on the North side of the bay. The attackers, in ambush, got well into the enemy's country without detection. Major Chapman then divided his men into two divisions, he and Lieutenant Macdonald taking charge of the first, while Captain Ordish and Lieut. Lummett commanded the second. Major Chapman and his men trekked to the North of Pokfulum Road, and Captain Ordish marched his men to the East, to the reaching Jubilee Road, two of the enemy were sighted on horseback. They were quickly surrounded and taken prisoners. After climbing for two hours the divisions met near the Chinese Cemetery. Here two of the enemy were noticed coming along at a gallop.

The attackers, in ambush, greeted them with a volley and took them prisoners. A further two of the enemy, approaching from Aberdeen, fell into an ambush carefully prepared by Captain Macdonald, and surrendered. At about 5 p.m. the contesting armies withdrew from the field of battle, and marching to Pokfulum Road, were there met by H.E. the Governor, accompanied by his A.D.C. His Excellency expressed himself as well pleased with the way in which the attack had been planned and carried out, after which he headed the troops in their homeward march.

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CRICKET.

HONGKONG RESERVES v. A.O.D.

This match was played on the Hongkong ground on Saturday, the result being a draw. The batsmen who made the top scores for the Reserves were, F. H. Kew, 78, A. C. Butt, 36, and C. A. Falloon, 18, while Skinner for the A.O.D. knocked up 31 and Edwards 21. Of the wickets taken by the Reserves, Morrell scattered four, Mackay three, and Butt 2. For the A.O.D. Bradford took two wickets, Doran two, and Edwards one. Scores stand—

H.K.C.C.		
V. de Paris, b Bradford	4	
F. H. Kew, b Doran	78	
C. A. Falloon, b Bradford	18	
E. A. Fowler, c d.b Doran	3	
E. A. Parker, R.N., not out	6	
A. C. Butt, R.M.L.C., Doran, b Edwards	23	
Extras	12	
Total	167	

R. Mackenzie, E. H. Morrell, H. G. E. Bailey, C. H. Mackay and R. Oliver did not bat.

A.O.D.		
Capt. Davis, b Mackay	0	
Sergt. Major Webb, b Morrell	1	
Sergt. Skinner, b Falloon, b Butt	31	
Sergt. Ordin, b Mackay	21	
Gunner Edwards, b Morrell	3	
Corp. Bradford, b Morrell	11	
Staff Sergt. Hatfield, b Morrell	6	
Lient. Doran, not out	5	
Corp. I. Moore, c Fowler, b Butt	4	
Pt. Gunner, not out	0	
Extras	15	
Total	97	

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

H.K.C.C.	O.	M.	N.	W.
Davies	12	4	38	2
Bradford	7	1	4	2
Skinner	5	—	22	1
Edwards	3	—	27	1
Doran	3	—	16	2
A.O.D.	0	—	—	—
Mackay	9	—	42	3
Morrell	15	9	12	4
Fowler	7	1	12	0
Mackenzie	3	1	8	0
Butt	6	4	8	2
Total	136	—	—	—

KOWLOON V. POLICE.

This match ended in an easy win for Kowloon by 82 runs and nine wickets. The batsmen who put up the score for the victors were, Lightfoot, 96, Doblyn 42, Lummsden, not out, 10. Edwards was the Police bowler who eventually took the two wickets. For the Police, Kent, not out, 23, and Edwards 18, were the top scorers. Six of their wickets fell before the bowling of Herton, while Lummsden was responsible for the loss of another three. The scores were—

KOWLOON.

KOWLOON.		
Lightfoot, b Edwards	96	
Doblyn, c K. H. Edwards	42	
Lummsden, not out	10	
Extras	8	
Total	136	

Swan, Herton, Robinson, Clelland, Goldring, Lapsley, Maxfield, Lewis, and Scott-Cranston, did not bat.

POLICE.

POLICE.		
Winter, b Herton	5	
Lauder, b Lummsden	0	
Badeley, retired	1	
Edwards, c Maxfield, b Herton	18	
Shepherd, c Lapsley, b Herton	0	
Halifax, b Herton	4	
Langley, b Lummsden	8	
Kent, not out	23	
Pitt, b Lummsden	0	
Devaney, b Herton	1	
Kerr, b Herton	2	
Extras	12	
Total	74	

CIVIL SERVICE V. CRAIGENGOWERS.

This match was won by the Craigengowers by 19 runs and two wickets. For the Civil Service, Lamble 32, Atkinson 23, and Witchell 18, were the highest scorers. Lamble took five of their wickets, while Ford scattered four. Rose 59, and Brown 23 runs, were useful scores for the Craigengowers. Three of their batsmen were victims to Lamble's bowling, two to Weston's, two to Jackman's, and one wicket was taken by Robin. Scores were as follows—

CIVIL SERVICE.

CIVIL SERVICE.		
Lamble, c Anger, b Lammett	32	
Raven, b Ford	6	
Witchell, c Brown, b Lammett	18	
Atkinson, c Stuard, b Lammett	23	
Jackman, run out	1	
Weaver, c Rose, b Ford	2	
Bratt, c Kinnaid, b Lammett	4	
Gidley, c Kinnaid, b Lammett	2	
Craig, l.b.w., b Ford	0	
Robins, b Ford	0	
Woolley, not out	0	
Extras	14	
Total	102	

CRAIGENGOWERS.

CRAIGENGOWERS.		
Kinnaid, c Robins, b Lamble	6	
Lammett, c Witchell, b Lamble	10	
Rose, b Lamble	4	
Brown, c Witchell, b Jackman	23	
Stuart, run out	0	
Anger, not out	59	
Woolley, not out	3	
Basu, c Witchell, b Jackman	12	
Glynn, st Robins, b Weaser	0	
Extras	5	
Total	121	

Ford and Lopez did not bat.

RAW SILK PRODUCTION IN SZECH'UAN.

In his report on the Provinces of Szechuan H.M. Consul-General at Ch'engtu (Mr. A. Hosie) gives the following summary of the quantity and value of raw silk produced in that province:

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Total	59,349,000	37,875	4,495,000	13,650,300

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FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG F.C. v. H.M.S. "TAMAR."

Played at the Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon. The number of onlookers was not very numerous, but a goodly sprinkling of blue-jackets and soldiers lined the ropes. The Hongkong skipper won the toss, and elected to open from the western end, having the sun behind. Watkins started the ball for the *Tamar*, who were playing in green shirts, and immediately led an attack upon the civilians' citadel. The Club had started with but nine men, and just as their strength had been augmented by a late arrival, Watkins took a pass close in to Crofton, who was officiating under the bar for the homesteaders, and notched a goal for the Naval men. The Club were playing with only one back, Morrell not having turned up. Off side against Skipton brought relief to the civilians from another attack upon their stronghold. The Hongkong team were displaying lamentably weak form, and combination was almost entirely absent. Watkins, the pivot of the *Tamar* quintette, was showing up prominently, and Leckie, at back, just robbed him when in the act of

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guests being present. The religious ceremony
prescribed for the launching of one of the
King's ships of war was read by the Bishop of
Barking, assisted by Canon Pelley and Canon
Buckley. Afterwards a delay took place while
the last of the supports were got away.

Lady Selborne then cut the cord, which re-
leased a weight and knocked out the dry-dock.
The Countess also swung a bottle, hung by a
parti-coloured ribbon from the cruiser's stem,
against the cutwater, smashing it, at the same
time naming the vessel the *Black Prince* and
wishing her and her crew all good luck—a
pretty ceremony gracefully performed. Almost
at once the great man-of-war began to move
towards the water, which she entered with none
of that great displacement seen at launches
where there is a wide river.

In the mould room afterwards Mr. Hills
proposed a vote of thanks to Lady Selborne,
and expressed the hope that the officers and
crew of his Majesty's ship *Black Prince* would
always exhibit that spirit of chivalry for which
the Prince she was named after was famous,
and never fire an unarmoured vessel or desert a
sinking ship (cheers).

The Earl of Selborne, replying for the
Countess, said that they were indebted to the
firm for having asked them to that ceremony.
It was a great pride to Lady Selborne to launch
that vessel. He congratulated the Company on
the smoothness and success of the launch, and
on having worked so much into the ship before
she took the water. He also congratulated Mr.
Watts and Admiral May on the launch of
another ship of that remarkable class. She was
a great advance in armoured cruisers, and some
of the uninited might say they did not know
where the armoured cruiser ended and the
battleship began. He wished the Company a
prosperous year. There had been a gradual
concentration of the shipbuilding trade in this
country in certain centres, and it had been
rather leaving than coming to the Thames.
Personally, he should be very sorry if the day
came that the Thames ceased to be a shipbuilding
centre (hear, hear).

The *Black Prince* is a first-class armoured
cruiser of the Duke of Edinburgh type, of which
there are at present in all six under construction
—two at the Royal Dockyard at Pembroke and
the remaining four at the yards of private
contractors. The following are the dimensions
of the vessels of this class:—Length, 400ft.
between perpendiculars; extreme beam, 73ft.
6in.; depth from outer bottom to upper deck,
40ft. 6in.; draught forward, 26ft. 6in. aft, 27ft.
6in.; displacement, 13,660 tons. The i.h.p. of
23,500 is expected to give the ship a speed
of over 23 knots.

The *Black Prince* has a complete armour-belt
running from stem to stern, the thickness
and weight of water-line being 6in., and tapering
at forward end to 4in., and 3in. aft. The citadel,
which is rectangular in shape, is protected by
6in. armour and carries ten 6in. guns. On the
upper deck there are five 9in. guns in barbettes,
protected by 6in. and 3in. armour, while forward,
on the forecastle, is another 9in. gun, making
six in all. The foremost 9in. gun and the
aftermost one are situated at the middle line,
so that all are of fire of 313deg. can be obtained.
The other four 9in. guns are placed at the
sides of the vessel, and nearly over the ends
of the citadel, and each of these commands a fire
of 180deg. On the shelter decks are 28 q.f.
guns, and there are also two Maxim and two
12-pounder 6cwt. guns for boats and field use.
The 12cwt. guns are unchanged at Tls. 135 for old and
Tls. 182 for new shares.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS.—Hong-
kong Land Investment and Agency Company's
shares have been forced at \$147 for 31st
December, but there are no sellers now under
\$148; sales at \$151 for 31st March are also
reported. Kowloon Lands have inquiries at
\$83. West Points are on offer at \$89. Hong-
kong Hotels have been put up at rising rates,
up to \$145 cash having been paid, but at that figure
there are a few more shares on offer. Humphreys'
Estate and Finance Company's shares are
now for sale at \$124 for old and \$5 for new.
Shanghai Lands are quoted Tls. 117.

COTTON MILLS.—Hongkong Cottons sold at
rising rates, up to \$132 having been paid, but
at the close we hear of sales and sellers at \$131.
The Shanghai quotations are unchanged. The
Two Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company,
Limited, will hold its 9th annual general meeting
of shareholders on 23rd instant, transfer books
closing from 16th to 23rd instant, and the
International Cotton Manufacturing Company,
Limited, will hold its 9th annual meeting of
shareholders on 21st instant, transfer books
closing from 7th to 21st instant.

MISCCELLANEOUS.—China Borneo Company's
shares have been fixed at \$13 to \$13½, closing
with further buyers at the last mentioned figure.
China Providents sold at \$9½ and \$10, closing
with sellers at \$10, and buyers at \$9½.
Green Island Cement Company's shares sold at
decreasing rates, down to \$30 having been accepted,
but at that rate more shares could be placed.
Electrics are wanted at \$15 for old and \$9 for
new shares. Tramways have weakened to \$280
sellers; Hongkong Steam Waterboats sold and
are on offer at \$20. Langkats, which paid a
dividend of Tls. 5 per share on 15th inst.,
making Tls. 35 for the year ending 31st October,
have buyers in the north at Tls. 285.
China Light and Powers is in the market at
\$10. Walkins are obtainable at \$9½. A. S.
Watsons have sellers at \$13 for old and \$12½
for new shares, after a sale of the new issue.
Wm. Powells have advanced to buyers at \$12.
Ropes are wanted at \$10.

The *Black Prince* was laid down in January,
1903, and she will be completed and commis-
sioned for sea at her present rate of progress
in about January, 1906. This will be the first
vessel for the Government that the firm have
completed ready for commission, although they
have always done so in the case of vessels for
foreign navies.

The propelling machinery, which is being
constructed at the company's engineering works
at Greenwich and Deptford (formerly Messrs.
John Penn and Sons), is to develop 23,500
i.h.p. and to consist of two sets of inverted four-
cylinder triple expansion engines working at a
pressure of 205lb. in the high pressure side case.

The diameters of the cylinders will be:—High
pressure, 49½in.; intermediate, 69in.; 2 l.p.
77in.; with a stroke of 42in. The engines are
balanced on the Yarrow Schield and Tweedy
system, and arranged to run at a speed of 135
revolutions per minute. There are to be two
separate and independent condensers to each
set of engines, and two independent twin
air pumps arranged to pump from both con-
densers. The boiler installation will consist of
20 Babcock and Wilcox boilers and six cylindrical
boilers, working with closed stokeholes
and forced draught. The working pressure of
all the boilers is to be 210lb. per square inch.

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Erich Goering & Co. in their weekly
share list, dated the 17th inst., state:

Business during the week under review has
been very quiet, tightness of money, the rise in
the sterling exchange, and a weak market in
Shanghai combining together to depress the
market. The Sterling demand rate of exchange
on London closed at 1s. 11½d. while rates on
Shanghai are unchanged. Barsilver in London is
quoted 28½/lb., and Consols 58½.

BANK SHARES.—Hongkong and Shanghai
shares sold at \$75, closing

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

ALBION, H.M. battle-ship, 12,650, Fremantle, 17th December. Wembawel.
ATHENIAN, British str., 2,440, S. Robinson, 17th Dec., Vancouver 14th Nov., and Shanghai 14th Dec., General.—C.P.R. Co.
AUSTRALIAN, British str., 1,784, A.H. Schwab, 18th Dec., Melbourne 12th Nov., and Manila 15th Dec., General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
CHINH, British str., 1,112, G. Hooker, 18th Dec., Tientsin via Chefoo 11th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.
EINE, German str., 913, Petersen, 18th Dec., Hongkong and Hoochow 17th Dec., General—Jelsen & Co.
FOUCHOW, British str., 1,207, Smale, 18th Dec., Canton 17th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.
HAITON, British str., 1,183, Crowe, 18th Dec., Fouchow 15th December. Amoy 16th, and Swatow 17th, General—Douglas Lapraik & Co.
HIGHLANDER, British str., 2,490, W. Dawson, 17th Dec., Moji 11th Dec., Coal—Doddwell & Co., Ltd.
EVON, British str., 4,232, J.A. Davis, 17th Dec.—Liverpool 9th Nov., General—Butterfield & Swire.
KASHING, British str., 1,143, S.W. Bickard, 18th Dec., Tientsin 9th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.
KWANTUNG, Chinese str., 1,536, 18th Dec., Canton 17th Dec., General—Chinko.
LUGUS, German gunboat, 17th December, from Canton.
MALTA, British str., 3,900, R.A. Peters, 17th Dec., Singapore 11th Dec., and Bombay 30th November, Mails & General—P. & O. S. N. Co.
MANICA, British str., 2,619, R. Leslie, 17th December,—Shanghai 14th Dec., General—Order.
NEW ORLEANS, U.S. Cruiser, 8,437, Harter, 17th December, Chefoo 13th December.
PHU YEN, French str., 1,229, Duvoisot, 17th December,—Sorabaya 8th Dec., General—Bradley & Co.
PLEIADES, American str., 2,932, F.G. Purington, 16th December—Moji 11th December, Coal—Doddwell & Co., Ltd.
SHANNON, British str., 1,228, J.G. Carnaghan, 16th Dec., Tengku and Chefoo 13th Dec., Gouaniants—Butterfield & Swire.
SIAM, British str., 1,224, Burus, 17th Dec., Langkat 6th and Singapore 8th December, Kerosino—Gen. McLean.
TEURUM, German str., 769, A. Hansen, 17th Dec., Fouchow, Amoy and Swatow 16th Dec., General—Jelsen & Co.
WEIGAN, British str., 1,127, Muskin, 18th Dec., Canton 17th Dec., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
YIKANG, British str., 1,236, W.D. Welsh, 18th Dec., Chefoo and Swatow 17th Dec., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE,
17th December.
Glenogle, British str., for Amoy.
Hyson, British str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

17th December.

AUCHEENAEDEN, British str., for Kutubinotu.
BENARY, British str., for Nagasaki.
CHANGCHOW, British str., for Moji.
CRAIGAERN, British str., for Yokohama.
DORIC, British str., for San Francisco.
FICHING, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
NEW CLEANS, U.S. cruiser, for Manila.
NUBLA, British str., for Europe.
RUBI, British str., for Swatow.
SIAM, British str., for Shanghai.
TRE, Norwegian str., for Hongkong.
WAISHING, British str., for Shanghai.
WHAMPA, British str., for Shanghai.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

17th December.
ABERDEEN DOCKS—Hoboken.
KOWLOON DOCKS—U.S. Fathomer, Agincourt, Hue, Indore, Seinde, Atake, H.M.S. Hunter.
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK—Inuklo.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship

HAITAN.

Captain Finch will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 20th inst., at 9 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1904.



AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.
THE Company's Steamship

CHINA.

Captain Tomonovich, will leave for the above places on SATURDAY, the 24th inst., P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.

Princes' Buildings.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1904.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1904. About

SHIMOSA

28th Dec.

CHAZEE

25th Jan.

SATSUMA

5th Feb.

For Freight and further information, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1904.

STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

SENECA

will be despatched as above on or about the 15th January, 1905.

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STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF NEW YORK, Oriental Freight Department.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1904.

To ascertain the anchorage of any vessel, the Harbour has been divided into four sections, commanding from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked K, nearest Hongkong H, midway between Hongkong and Kowloon M, and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf K.W., together with the number denoting the section.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's.

2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier.

SECTIONS.

3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard.

4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & CO.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	BENGAL	Brit. str.	—	G. Philipp	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 1st inst., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	BENLOMOND	Brit. str.	1 m.	Clark	GIBE, LIVINGSTON & CO.	About 10th Jan.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	DIOMED	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	MONTUNE	Brit. str.	1 m.	...	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 3rd Jan.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	HYSON	Brit. str.	1 m.	...	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 17th Jan.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	PRIAM	Brit. str.	1 m.	F. & O. S. N. Co.	On 31st Jan.	
MARSEILLE, LONDON & AMSTERDAM, &c.	CANDIA	Freight	—	H. U. Kitcat, R.N.R.	MESSENGERS MARITIMES	About 21st inst.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	TOKIN	Freight	—	Schmitz	MELCHERS & CO.	On 27th inst., at 1 P.M.
BLEMEM, VIA PORTS OF CALL	P. E. FRIEDRICH	Ger. str.	k.w.	E. Prehn	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 21st inst., at Noon.
HAVER & BREMEN & HAMBURG	SENEGAMBIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Jaburg	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 1st Jan.
HAVER & HAMBURG	ARMENIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Forst	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 10th Jan.
HAVER & HAMBURG	C. FRED. LAEISZ	Ger. str.	k.w.	von Hoff	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 22nd Jan.
HAVER & HAMBURG	AMBRIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Porzelius	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 27th Jan.
HAVER & HAMBURG	SITHONIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Hildebrandt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 7th Feb.
HAVER & HAMBURG	ACADIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Förck	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 21st Feb.
HAVER & HAMBURG	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Filler	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 7th Mar.
HAVER & HAMBURG	REHENANIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Behrens	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 21st Mar.
HAVER & HAMBURG	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Lüning	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 20th Jan.
HAVER & HAMBURG	NINGCHOW	Aus. str.	1 m.	Damianovich	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 28th Jan.
HAVER & HAMBURG	HECTOR	Brit. str.	1 m.	J. Riley	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 29th inst., P.M.
HAVER & HAMBURG	SHIMOSA	Brit. str.	—	Edmondson	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 22nd inst.
CLAYEDEALE	CLAYEDEALE	Brit. str.	—	...	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 20th Jan.
GENOA, MARSELLS, HAVER & LIVERPOOL	EMPEROR	Brit. str.	1 m.	...	STANDARD OIL CO.	On 28th inst.
NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	ATHENIAN	Brit. str.	2 m.	F. G. Purington	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 11th Jan.
NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	1 m.	Wagner	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 28th inst.
NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	PELEUS	Brit. str.	—	Howie	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 23rd inst.
NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	PLEIADES	Brit. str.	—	Baker	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 9th Jan., at Daylight.
NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	CHINTU	Brit. str.	1 m.	F. Kalkofen	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 26th inst.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	JAVA	Brit. str.	—	Roope	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th inst.
MOJI & KOBE	TIENTSIN	Brit. str.	1 m.	Meiners	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 22nd inst.
CHEFOO	ANHUI	Brit. str.	—	Tomanovich	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-morrow.
SHANGHAI	TAIKANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	G. M. Montford, R.N.R.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 4th P.M.
SHANGHAI	FOOCHEW	Brit. str.	1 m.	A. Hansen	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 28th inst.
SHANGHAI	WOOGUNG	Brit. str.	1 m.	H. A. Haraldsen	STANDARD OIL CO.	On 29th inst.
SHANGHAI	LOONGMOON	Brit. str.	—	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	On 1st inst., at 9 A.M.	
SHANGHAI	CHOYSANG	Brit. str.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th inst., P.M.	
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIJO & YOKOHAMA	RCON	Ans. str.	—	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	On 21st inst., at Daylight.	
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	CHINA	Brit. str.	—	...	...	On 21st inst., at Daylight.
SHANGHAI	CORONADEL	Brit. str.	—	...	...	On 25th inst., at Daylight.
SHANGHAI	TRIUMPH	Jap. str.	—	...	...	On 25th inst., at Daylight.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	FEITHOF	Jap. str.	—	...	...	On 25th inst., at Daylight.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	PROVIDENCE	Jap. str.	1 m.	...	...	On 25th inst., at Daylight.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	HAITAN	Brit. str.	2 h.	...	...	On 25th inst., at Daylight.
MANILA	TAMING	Brit. str.	1 m.	...	...	On 25th inst., at Daylight.
MANILA	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	—	...	...	On 31st inst., at 10 A.M.
MANILA	TREMONT	Brit. str.	—	...	...	On 31st inst., at 10 A.M.
MANILA	RUBI	Brit. str.	1 m.	...	...	On 31st inst., at 10 A.M.
CEBU & ILOILO	SUNGKANG	Brit. str.	—	...	...	On 31st inst., at 10 A.M.
JAVA FORTS	TIJIPANAS	Brit. str.	—	...	...	On 31st inst., at 10 A.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	ABERATOON AFACAN	Brit. str.	—	On 3rd Jan., at 3 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	LAISANG	Brit. str.	—	On 3rd Jan., at 3 P.M.

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OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"SOBRALENSE"	On 19th December.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PELEUS"	On 27th December.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PRIAM"	On 4th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"WRAYCASTLE"	On 5th January.

HOMEBWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"DIOMED"	On 20th December.
GENOA, MELLES, HAVRE and LIVERPOOL	"NINGCHOW"	On 22nd December.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"MOYUNE"	On 3rd January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"HYSON"	On 17th January.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"HECTOR"	On 20th January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"PRIAM"	On 31st January.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
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Hongkong, 7th December, 1904.

**CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
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STEAMERS	TO SAIL
CEBU and ILOILO	On 19th December.
SHANGHAI	On 19th December.
CHEFOO	On 20th December.
SHANGHAI	On 20th December.
MANILA	On 20th December.
POR DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and YELBOURNE	On 26th December.

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STEAMERS.

SAILING DATES.

1904

PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY	21st December
SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY	4th January 1905
IRON	WEDNESDAY	18th January
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY	1st February
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY	15th February
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY	1st March
PRINZESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY	15th March
PRINZ REGENT LUFTPOLD	WEDNESDAY	29th March
PREUSEN	WEDNESDAY	12th April
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY	26th April

ON WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of DECEMBER, 1904, at NOON, the Steamship "PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH," Captain E. Prehn, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will have this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA.

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STEAMSHIP	TONS.	CAPTAIN	TO SAIL AT DAYLIGHT ON
"NICOMEDIA"	4,370	Wagner	January 9th, 1905.
"NUMANTIA"	4,370	Buchner	January 25th, 1905.
"ARABIA"	4,432	Bahle	February 20th, 1905.
"ARAGONIA"	5,188	Schuldt	March 12th, 1905.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Points. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, GENERAL AGENT.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1904.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

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FOR STEAMERS TO SAIL.

+ SHANGHAI "TAKSANG" Mon., 19th Dec., 4 P.M.

+ SHANGHAI "CHOYSANG" Wednesday, 21st Dec., 4 P.M.

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1904.

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STEAMERS LEAVING

WEDNESDAY, 21st Dec., at Daylight.

SUNDAY, 25th Dec., at Daylight.

WEDNESDAY, 28th Dec., at Daylight.

SUNDAY, 1st Jan., at Daylight.

WEDNESDAY, 4th Jan., at Daylight.

SUNDAY, 8th Jan., at Daylight.

WEDNESDAY, 11th Jan., at Daylight.

SUNDAY, 15th Jan., at Daylight.

WEDNESDAY, 18th Jan., at Daylight.

SUNDAY, 22nd Jan., at Daylight.

WEDNESDAY, 25th Jan., at Daylight.

SUNDAY, 29th Jan., at Daylight.

WEDNESDAY, 1st Feb., at Daylight.

SUNDAY, 5th Feb., at Daylight.

WEDNESDAY, 8th Feb., at Daylight.

SUNDAY, 12th Feb., at Daylight.

WEDNESDAY, 15th Feb., at Daylight.

SUNDAY, 19th Feb., at Daylight.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd Feb., at Daylight.

SUNDAY, 26th Feb., at Daylight.

WEDNESDAY, 1st Mar., at Daylight.

SUNDAY, 5th Mar., at Daylight.

WEDNESDAY, 8th Mar., at Daylight.

SUNDAY, 12th Mar., at Daylight.

WEDNESDAY, 15th Mar., at Daylight.

SUNDAY, 19th Mar., at Daylight.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd Mar., at Daylight.

SUNDAY, 26th Mar., at Daylight.

WEDNESDAY, 29th Mar., at Daylight.

SUNDAY, 2nd Apr., at Daylight.

WEDNESDAY, 5th Apr., at Daylight.

SUNDAY, 8th Apr., at Daylight.

WEDNESDAY, 11th Apr., at Daylight.

SUNDAY, 15th Apr., at Daylight.

WEDNESDAY, 18th Apr., at Daylight.

SUNDAY, 22nd Apr., at Daylight.

WEDNESDAY, 25th Apr., at Daylight.

SUNDAY, 29th Apr., at Daylight.

WEDNESDAY, 1st May., at Daylight.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

Christmas Day the 25th and Boxing Day the 26th of December having been declared public holidays, the Post Office will be closed, except from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. There will be one delivery and one collection as on Sundays. The Money Order Office will be open only closed.

In future the following will be the hours of clearance of Pillar Boxes in Kowloon.

Cosmopolitan Dock	8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Hung Hom Dock	9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
Yau Ma Tei Police station	9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
Gas Works	9.05 a.m. to 1.45 p.m.
Cameron Road	8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m., 1.45 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

On Sundays there will be one clearance only.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

PORT	TIME	DATE
Canton		
Macao		
Macao		
Cebu and Iloilo		
Shanghai		
Shanghai		
Namao		
Sambon		
Kowloon, Kunchuk, Samsui, Shiuhsing,		
Takking and Wuchow		
Canton		
Canton		
Macao		
Swatow, Amoy and Fouchow		
Macao		
Shanghai		
Chefoo		
Maula		
Swatow, Amoy and Fouchow		
Nautao		
Sambon		
Canton		
Canton		
Macao		

TO-DAY.
Sale, Crown Lands, Public Works Department, 3 p.m.
Annual General Meeting of the Navy League, City Hall, 5.15 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

17th December.

ON LONDON.—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/114
Bank Bills, on demand 1/113
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1/113
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 1/113
Credits, at 4 months' sight 1/113
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 1/14

ON PARIS.—
Bank Bills, on demand 242
Credits, at 4 months' sight 246

ON GERMANY.—
On demand 1964

ON NEW YORK.—
Bank Bills, on demand 47
(reduces 60 days' sight) 472

ON HOMER.—
Telegraphic Transfer 1434

ON CALCUTTA.—
Telegraphic Transfer 1432

ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, at sight 713
Private, 30 days' sight 723

ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand 944

ON MANILA.—On demand—Pesos—934

ON SINGAPORE.—On demand 1/114 p.m.

ON BATAVIA.—On demand 116

ON HAIPHONG.—On demand 1/14 p.m.

ON SAIGON.—On demand 1/14 p.m.

ON BANGKOK.—On demand 61

GOVERNMENTS, Bank's Buying Rate \$10.30

GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael \$84.50

BAR SILVER, per oz 23/16

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.—
The P.M. steamer *Manchuria*, from San Francisco to the 19th Nov., via Honolulu, left Yokohama for this port on the 9th Dec., a.m., and is due here to-day.

The IO & O steamer *Coptic*, from San Francisco to the 26th Nov., via Honolulu, left Yokohama for this port on the morning of the 17th Dec., via Keelung, and is due here on the 26th Dec.

THE GERMAN MAIL.—
The L.G.M. steamer *Friedrich-Friedrich* left Shanghai on Saturday at 3 p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow at daylight.

The L.G.M. steamer *Roon* left Singapore on Saturday at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on Thursday, the 22nd Dec., at daylight.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.—
The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of China* arrived at Nagasaki at 3 p.m. on Thursday, the 15th Dec., and left again at 7 a.m. on Friday for Shanghai, where she was due to arrive at 5.30 p.m. on Saturday.

TRADESTEAMERS.—
The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Sobralia* left Singapore on the 12th Dec. at noon, and is due here to-day to-morrow.

The C. & M. steamer *Zafiro* left Manila on the 17th Dec. at 11 a.m., and is due here to-day at 3.30 p.m.

The steamer *Gregory Apeir*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the 13th Dec. Dec., p.m.

The E.A. steamer *Princess Marie* left Singapore on Wednesday, p.m., and is due here to-morrow.

The Barber Line steamer *Satsuna* arrived at Manila on the 15th Dec.

The J.C.-J. steamer *Ijimai* left Moji for this port on the 10th Dec., and may be expected here via Swatow and Amoy on the 21st Dec.

The A.L. steamer *China* left Singapore for this port on the 15th Dec.

The H.A.L. steamer *Sikonia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 15th Dec., p.m., and may be expected here on the 22nd Dec.

The A.A. steamer *Massapequa*, from New York, left Singapore on the 11th Dec., and is due here on the 24th Dec., from Manila.

The P. & A. steamer *Nicomedia* left Portland on the 22nd Nov., via Japan ports, and may be expected here on the 24th Dec.

The Indo-Chine steamer *Laisang* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 10th Dec., and is due here on the 26th Dec.

The Boston S.S. Co.'s steamer *Shawmut* left Seattle for Japan ports only on the 23rd Nov.

The N.C. steamer *Tayuan*, from Australian ports, left Sydney on the 7th Dec., and is due here on the 23rd Dec.

The P. & A. steamer *Nemantia* left Portland (Or.) on the 12th Dec., via Japan ports, and is due here on the 17th Jan.

The steamer *Germanicus* left Victoria (B.C.) on the 14th inst.

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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 16th December.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Banks	\$125	\$715, sellers
Natl. Bank of China	\$8	\$89, sellers
A. Shares	\$8	\$89, sellers
B. Shares	\$8	\$89, buyers
Foun. Shares	\$1	\$10, buyers

Insurance	\$100	\$710, buyers
Union	\$85	\$68, sellers & sel.
China Traders	\$65	\$68, sellers
North China	\$60	\$60, sellers
Yangtze	\$60	\$60, buyers
Canton	\$50	\$250, buyers
Hongkong Fire	\$40	\$335, sales & buy.
China Fire	\$90	\$90, sales & buyers

Steamship Cos.	\$10	\$281, sellers
H. Canton and M.	\$15	\$124, sellers
Indo-China S. N.	\$10	\$24, sellers
China and Manila	\$50	\$341, buyers
Douglas Steamship	\$10	\$20, sellers

Star Ferry	\$5	\$30, sellers
Shell Transport & Trading Co.	\$1	\$56, sellers
Dr. prof. shares	\$10	\$10, 10.
Refineries	\$100	\$228, sellers
China Sugar	\$100	\$17, sellers
Luxon Sugar	\$100	\$17, sellers

Mining	\$250	\$490, buyers
Champonnages	\$100	\$44, sellers
Banks	\$100	\$44, sellers
Decks Boxes	\$50	\$217, sellers
B. & W. Dock	\$50	\$114, sellers
H. & K. Wharf & G.	\$50	\$27, sellers
New Amoy Dock	\$50	\$10, 10.
S.C.F. Boyd & Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$12, 10.

Trade	\$1	\$25, 10.
Transport & Trading Co.	\$10	\$25, 10.
Refineries	\$100	\$228, sellers
China Sugar	\$100	\$17, sellers
Luxon Sugar	\$100	\$17, sellers

Companies	\$500	\$145, sellers
Athambra, Ltd.	\$125	\$94, sellers
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	\$125	\$94, sellers
Campbell, Mason & Co.	\$10	\$45, buyers
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	\$12	\$134, buyers
China Prov. L. & M.	\$10	\$94, sellers & buyers
Dairy Farm	\$25	\$30, buyers
Geo. Lewis & Co.	\$25	\$30, buyers
Green Island Cement	\$10	\$30, buyers
Hongkong Electric	\$65	\$163, buyers
Hongkong & Gas	\$100	\$285.
Hongkong Ice	\$25	\$265.
Hongkong Kowloon	\$50	\$150, buyers
Hongkong Water	\$10	\$20, sellers
Hock Co. Ltd.	\$10	\$